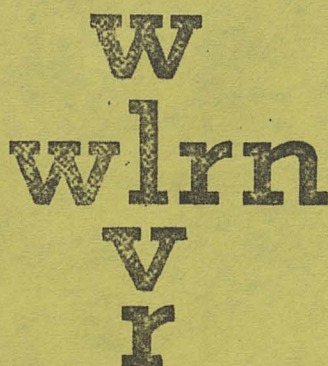


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EDITORIAL

The following is the editorial opinion of the Lehigh Radio Network.

This past Saturday, the Federal Communications Commission, the branch of the Federal government which regulates all TV and Radio stations in this country, announced its decision on the question of songs which "tend to promote or glorify the use of illegal drugs, such as marijuana ". What was decided was that any radio station which plays such songs will lose its license, in other words, be taken off the air.

We consider this action by the F.C.C. to be a very clear-cut case of censorship, an example of a government agency trying to control the thoughts of young people in this country. As such, we feel the decision is unconstitutional.

We only hope that someone has the courage to stand up and challenge the decision, to proclaim loudly that no governmental agency has the right to say what we can and cannot hear, think or say.

What is particularly frightening about the F.C.C.'s decision is that it sets a very dangerous precedent. Today the Commission can justify the censorship of drug lyrics. Tomorrow, anti-war songs. And by 1984, well, who knows?

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